

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

JOSEPH S. AUTERI, M.D.	:	
	:	CIVIL ACTION
v.	:	
	:	NO. 22-3384
VIA AFFILIATES d/b/a DOYLESTOWN	:	
HEALTH PHYSICIANS	:	

**SCHEDULING ORDER**

**AND NOW**, this 10th day of October 2024, after an Initial Pretrial Conference with Counsel, it is **ORDERED** as follows:

1. A settlement conference with Magistrate Judge Lynne A. Sitarski will be scheduled at the request of Counsel.
2. All fact discovery shall be completed no later than February 12, 2025.
  - a. Plaintiff shall provide Defendant with a copy of the report of each report who will appear at trial on behalf of Plaintiff no later than February 27, 2025.
  - b. Defendant shall provide Plaintiff with a copy of the report of each expert who will appear at trial on behalf of Defendant no later than March 27, 2025.
3. Dispositive motions shall be filed no later than May 12, 2025. Responses to dispositive motions shall be filed no later than June 12, 2025.
4. Motions *in limine* shall be filed no later than June 23, 2025. Responses to motions *in limine* shall be filed no later than July 7, 2025.
5. A final pretrial conference is scheduled July 17, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. in Chambers.

6. Trial is scheduled for July 21, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. in Courtroom 8-A. All counsel are attached for trial.
7. On or before July 7, 2025, each party shall serve upon every other party:
  - a. A copy of each exhibit the party expects to offer at trial in furtherance of its respective contentions. Each party shall mark its trial exhibits with consecutive numbers prefixed with an identifying letter of counsel's choice (i.e., P-1, P-2, D-1, D-2);
  - b. A list which shall include the name and address of each witness who will testify at trial and a brief statement of the testimony that each witness is expected to provide.
8. On or before July 14, 2025, each party shall submit the following to Chambers:
  - a. Proposed *voir dire* questions and proposed jury interrogatories;
  - b. A list of all exhibits to be offered at trial and a list of all witnesses who will appear at trial;
  - c. Two (2) copies of a trial memorandum setting forth the legal issues, claims, and defenses involved in the case, with the principal constitutional, statutory, regulatory and decisional authority relied upon, and a list of every item of damages claimed under a separate descriptive heading (e.g. personal injury, wrongful death, survival, loss of profits, loss of wages, loss of earnings, loss of future earning capacity, libel, slander, deprivation of civil rights, property damage, pain, suffering, itemized medical expenses, balance due under contract, interest, etc.), including a detailed

- description of each item and the amount of damages claimed;
- d. A joint written statement of the case which shall contain (1) a brief statement of the facts; (2) a brief statement of plaintiff's causes of action and the essential elements of each cause of action; and (3) a brief statement of the defenses to plaintiff's claims and the essential elements of each affirmative defense. The statement of the case shall not exceed three (3) pages; and
- e. A detailed summary of the qualifications of each expert witness the party intends to call at trial, and a copy of the expert witness report.
9. On or before July 14, 2025, the parties shall file one (1) complete set of **agreed upon** jury instructions. If the parties are unable to agree upon certain jury instructions, the party proposing an instruction shall file, in addition to the agreed upon set of jury instructions, one (1) copy of the proposed instruction and its citation of authority, and the party opposing the instruction shall submit to the court one (1) copy specific objection, citation or authority, and proposed alternatives. Jury instructions shall provide citations of authority for each point and be in the form of one point per page. If a model jury instruction taken, for example, from Devitt & Blackmar, Federal Jury Practice and Instructions; or Sand, Modern Federal Jury Instructions is submitted, the party shall state whether the proposed jury instruction is unchanged or modified. If a party modifies a model jury instruction, additions shall be underlined and deletions shall be placed in bold type. The jury instructions submitted by the parties shall cover all claims

either party intends to bring at trial.

10. The unavailability of any witness, as defined in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 32 (a)(3), will not be a ground to delay the commencement or progress of an ongoing trial. The Court therefore expects the use at trial of oral or videotape depositions of any witness whose testimony a party believes essential to the presentation of that party's case, whether that witness is a party, a non-party or an expert. In the event a deposition is to be offered, the offering party shall file with the Court a copy of the deposition transcript on or before July 14, 2025. An effort shall be made by the parties to resolve all objections to oral or videotaped deposition testimony. Unresolved objections shall be noted in the margin of the deposition indicating that a court ruling is necessary and a separate list of such objections by page number and line shall accompany the transcript.
11. At commencement of trial, the parties shall submit to the Court one (1) copy of each exhibit and one (1) copy of a schedule of exhibits which shall briefly describe each exhibit.

Originals of all filings required under the Order shall be filed with the Clerk of Court, and a courtesy copy of the same shall be submitted to the Chambers of the Honorable R. Barclay Surrick (Room 8614).

**BY THE COURT:**

/s/ R. Barclay Surrick  
**R. BARCLAY SURRICK, J.**